

Remarks

Pursuant to a restriction requirement in the parent application, original claims 1-13 have been canceled herein, and new claims 14-33 have been added. New claims 14 and 24 correspond, respectively, to original claims 29 and 30 of the parent application which were added by Amendment in a paper mailed by Applicants on December 11, 2000. Original claims 29 and 30 were subject to a restriction requirement dated February 21, 2001. Further, the minor changes made to the specification in the parent application are also being made herein.

Please note that for purposes of publication and ease of examination, the amendments made by this Preliminary Amendment have already been incorporated into the Specification filed herewith.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of this divisional application and preliminary amendment. Should the Examiner have any questions or any matter that might be resolved by way of Examiner's amendment, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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